Procurement of Soyabean

2905. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested by the Andhra Pradesh Government to designate TRIFED for procurement of Soyabean in the scheduled areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to the proposal and considered to designate NAFED for procurement of Soyabean outside the scheduled areas in the State and also TRIFED to continue procurement in the scheduled areas; and

(c) if *so,* whether necessary instructions have been issued in this regard and if not, when it is expected to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Under Price Support Scheme (PSS) for procurement of soyabean in the scheduled areas of Andhra Pradesh, NAFED has been utilising the services of Girijan Co-operative Development Corporation which is a constituent member of the TRIFED. This arrangement has been working well. Nomination of two parallel agencies for procurement under PSS may create operational and coordination problems which have to be avoided in the interest of the farmers.

Excess Foodgrams *vis~a-vis* Famine Conditions

2906. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how Government propose to face the precarious situation of excess foodgrams on one side and famine like conditions in some States on the other side;